(d) the steps proposed to be taken to deposit the employees Provident Fund with the Provident Fund Commissioner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Punjab Wakf Board is not covered under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Pending NCLP

3106. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposals sent by the State Government of Maharashtra under the Central Government's National Child Labour Project, are pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Government has received proposals from the State Government of Maharashtra for setting up National Child Labour Projects in certain districts.

(c) No new projects have been sanctioned as yet during the current financial year.

Employment Exchanges in Chhattisgarh

3107. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment exchanges in Chhattisgarh and the number of candidates registered for employment opportunity in these exchanges;

(b) the number of candidates still on the waiting list of job seekers in each employment exchange in the State, district-wise;

(c) the rate of registration of new candidates every year; and

(d) the details of ratio of job opportunities provided by each exchange to the registrants for the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) At present, 18 employment exchanges are functioning in the State of Chhattisgarh. The number of

job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed on the live register of these exchanges as on 31st May, 2003 (latest available) was approximately 7.94 lakh. District-wise details are not maintained.

(c) and (d) Registrations made during the year, Live Register, placements effected during the year and ratio of placement to live register for 2001 and 2002 (latest available) is given below:

(In thousands)

Year	Registrations during the year	Live Register at the end of year	Placement during the year	Percentage of placement to Live Register
2001	130.5	794.4	0.6	0.08
2002	120.3	797.1	1.0	0.13

Utilisation of seats for trade apprentices in establishments

3108. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of utilisation of seats located for trade apprentices in establishments in Central and State sectors respectively;

(b) what is the position in respect of seats located and utilized in Graduate, Technician and Technician (Vocational) Apprentices and Physically Handicapped in both Central and State establishments; and

(c) the steps taken both persuasive and legal to ensure full quota of apprenticeships in establishments and the number of erring establishments brought to book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Utilization of seats located for trade apprentices in establishments in Central and State sectors are 86% and 67% respectively.

(b) The position in respect of seats located and utilized for Graduate, Technician and Technician (Vocational) Apprentices and Physically Handicapped at All India level is as follows:-

Category of Apprentices	Seats ocated	Seats utilized	
		Total	Physically Handicapped
Graduate	19882	11149	23
Technician	39193	27400	46
Technician (Vocational)	19597	8822	03